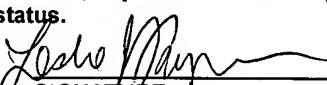


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/561,960	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/009085	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 22 June 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 23 June 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION BINDING APPARATUS, METHOD THEREOF, AND BENDING TOOL			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Masayuki SHIMIZU, Hidekatsu IKEDA, Takanori OKUBO, Akio KAMMURI, and Hisashi UTO			
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to promptly begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (23) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (PCT Article 31). 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the Claims as filed originally in International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. .371(c)(4)). "Executed" 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). <p>Items 11 to 22 below concern other document(s) or information included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. Assignee: <u>AMADA CO., LTD., of Kanagawa, Japan</u> 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> Figure of Drawing to be published: 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825. 20. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4). 21. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154 (d) (4). 22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Cover Letter. Form PCT/DO/EO/905. 			

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23 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted: Basic national fee.....			CALCULATIONS \$0.00	PTO USE ONLY
24 <input type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4)..... All other situations.....			\$0.00	
25 <input type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a) (2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office..... All other situations.....			\$0.00	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Fee for Specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.				
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Independent Claims	4	- 3 = 1	x \$200.00	\$200.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by ½.				\$ 0.00
SUBTOTAL =				\$330.00
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Extension of Time fee in the amount of \$				\$ 0.00
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$460.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$ 0.00
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<p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of <u>\$460.00</u> to cover the above fees is included.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>19-0089</u>.</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>				
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/22/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/22/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 12/22/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/22/2005
- Request for Immediate Examination filed on 12/22/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/22/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 12/22/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
- Translation of the application into English. The current translation of the application into English is defective as described below. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
 - The number of claims in the International Application and the number of claims in the translation are not the same.
- Processing fee of \$130 for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).
- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application

by the International application number and international filing date.

- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$260** for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.
- \$130 for English translation surcharge required.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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Sir:

In order to comply with the requirements (copy enclosed) for the submission of an executed Declaration and English translation of the Claims as originally filed in the International Application, as set forth in the Notification mailed March 22, 2006 which sets a two-month period of response until May 22, 2006, Applicants hereby submit:

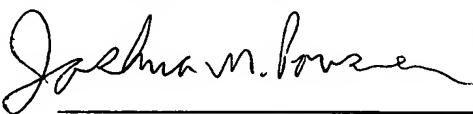
- Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371;
- an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- an English translation of the claims as originally filed in the International Application (with paper numbered sequentially beginning at page 37 for placement at the end of the application as filed);
- Preliminary Amendment

- a check in the amount of \$460.00 of which \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for late filing of the Declaration, \$130.00 to cover the processing fee for the English translation and \$200.00 is payment for the extra independent claim.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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